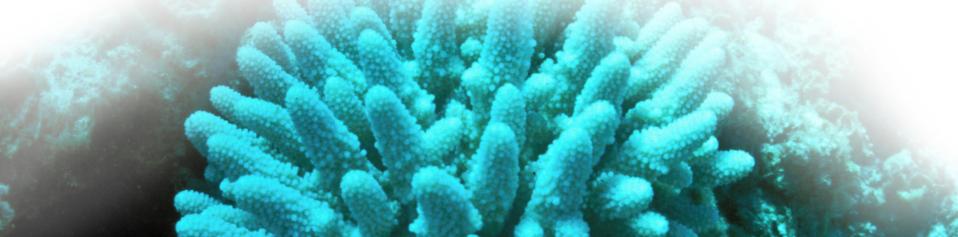


# EPA Workshop in Guam: Recommendations

- Biocriteria concept well received
  - Standardize monitoring
  - Improve protection of coral reefs
- Immediate steps
  - Add narrative coral language to WQS, e.g. to protect spawning
  - Develop standardized coral bioassessment methods/QA & formalize as policy
- Share info among jurisdictions



# **Key barriers to developing/adopting numeric coral biocriteria:**

- Opposition from regulated community
- Natural variability of "reference" sites
- Lack of funding & capacity to conduct new monitoring programs



# Status of coral biocriteria in Pacific Islands

## **CNMI** and AS:

- ✓ New narrative criteria to protect corals
- ✓ Baseline surveys completed
- ✓ Numeric criteria calculated
- Adopt numeric criteria into WQS

### Hawaii

 UH group interested in using existing CRAMP database; Agencies not yet engaged

### Guam

Interested in biocriteria but no plan